

Title II Project Application
Medford District Resource Advisory Committee

1. Project Number (Assigned by federal unit): 117-419 **AMOUNT REQUESTED** \$12,155

2. Project Name: Middle Rogue Interpretive Sign Project **County:** Josephine

4. Project Sponsor: Middle Rogue Watershed Council **5. Date:** 04-15-2003

6. Sponsors Phone #: 541.474.6799

7. Sponsor's E-mail: mrwa@cpros.com

8. Project Location (attach project area maps showing general and specific locations of project.)

a. 4th Field Watershed Name and HUC #(if known): Middle Rogue, # 17100308

b. 5th Field Watershed Name and HUC #(if known): Rogue River Taylor Cr. #1710031001

c. Legal Location:

Township <u>34S</u>	Range <u>7W</u>	Section(s) <u>11</u>
Township <u>35S</u>	Range <u>7W</u>	Section(s) <u>26</u>
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d. BLM District Medford District

e. BLM Resource Area Grants Pass

f. National Forest _____

g. Forest Service District _____

☐ h. State / Private / other lands involved? ☒ Yes ☐ No

9. Statement of Project Goals and Objectives:

Through the placement of interpretive signs in strategic locations, educate the public on the economic, aesthetic, and environmental problems associated with the proliferation of noxious weeds. Project will increase public knowledge, target species of concern along the Rogue River Corridor and the manner of dispersal. Stewardship on private and public land is promoted to the benefit of recreationists, wildlife, and the watershed.

10. Project Description: (Provide concise description of project and attach map.)

The Middle Rogue Watershed Council (MRWC) will place interpretive sign exhibits at Grave Creek and Hog Creek boat landings. These sites are optimal because of the high volume of traffic that they experience throughout the year. At each site three 2'x3' ground-mounted, low-angle, metal and fiberglass signs will be placed in an approved location. The sign structure and design has specifically been selected to meet BLM's sign standards, which protects the aesthetic of the river and surrounding area. MRWC will contract a project manager to develop the specific theme and design, coordinate with fabricators, and oversee placement of the signs. The final product will be grouping of three signs at each site. The exhibit will address general issues of native vs. non-native habitat, provide photographs as to specific species of concern, and provide information about the primary dispersal patterns and eradication methods.

11. Coordination of this project with other related project(s) on adjacent lands?

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☒ Yes ☐ No If yes, then describe.

This coordinates with inventory and eradication projects being conducted by the BLM and MRWC.

12. How does proposed project meet purposes of the Legislation? [Sec. 203(b)(1)]

Improves maintenance of existing infrastructure. [Sec. 2(b)]

- ☒ Implements stewardship objectives that enhance forest ecosystems. [Sec. 2(b)]
☐ Restores and improves land health. [Sec. 2(b)]
☐ Restores water quality. [Sec. 2(b)]

13. Project Type (check one) [Sec. 203(b)(1)]

- ☐ Road Maintenance [Sec. 2(b)(2)(A)]
☐ Trail Maintenance [Sec. 2(b)(2)(A)]
☐ Road Decommission/Obliteration [Sec. 2(b)(2)(A)]
☐ Trail Obliteration [Sec. 2(b)(2)(A)]
☐ Other Infrastructure Maintenance (specify): [Sec. 2(b)(2)(A)]
☐ Soil Productivity Improvement [Sec. 2(b)(2)(B)]
☐ Forest Health Improvement [Sec. 2(b)(2)(C)]
☐ Watershed Restoration & Mntc. [Sec. 2(b)(2)(D)]
☐ Wildlife Habitat Restoration [Sec. 2(b)(2)(E)]
☐ Fish Habitat Restoration [Sec. 2(b)(2)(E)] Control of Noxious Weeds [Sec. 2(b)(2)(F)]
☐ Reestablish Native Species [Sec. 2(b)(2)(G)]
☒ Other Project Type (specify) [Sec. 2(b)(2)]: To provide interpretive education and improve the cooperative relationship among people that use the federal lands.

14. Measure of Project Accomplishments/Expected Outcomes [Sec. 203(b)(5)]

(Use workload measures used for the budget process)

- a. Total Acres: _____ b. Total Miles: _____
c. No. Structures: _____ d. Estimated People Reached (for environmental education projects): 50,000
e. No. Of Laborer Days: _____
f. Other (specify): _____
g. **Program Element:** _____

15. Duration of Project and Estimated Completion Date [Sec. 203(b)(2)]:

This project will take approximately 3 months to complete.

Completion Date: 1-1-2005

16. Target Species (plants/wildlife etc.) Benefited: (if applicable)

Native plant and wildlife populations benefit from this project.

17. How will cooperative relations hips among people that use federal lands be improved? [Sec. 2(b)(3)]

Tens of thousands of people use the river each year, and many feel a close affinity with the river and surrounding environs. By educating these users to the problems associated with noxious weeds many may feel motivated to control human activities that lead to dispersal and assist in eradication efforts.

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Stewardship across the watershed, on private and public land, is bolstered by education projects like this.

18. How is this project in the best public interest? [Sec. 203(b)(7)] **Identify benefits to communities?**

This project promotes citizen knowledge, a cornerstone of stewardship. Noxious weeds costs taxpayers millions annually in addition to the economic, aesthetic, and production loss on private lands. The information provided by this project is in no way limited to public lands or even the Rogue River corridor. In some instance it may educate users to what is happening in their own neighborhoods.

19. How does project benefit federal lands/resources?

Noxious weeds not only cost Federal agencies millions in terms of eradication and control cost and loss of production, but they degrade the value of recreational areas by negatively impacting habitat to the detriment of wildlife and public land users. Education like this can motivate individuals to actively curtail the problem, and at minimum can make river-users more aware of their surroundings and the impact of their activities.

20. Status of Project Planning

a. NEPA Complete:	Yes	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable
b. If No, give est. date of completion: _____			
c. NMFS Sec. 7 ESA Consultation Complete:	Yes	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable
d. USFWS Sec. 7 ESA Consultation Complete:	Yes	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable
e. Survey & Manage Complete:	Yes	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable
f. DSL/ODFW* Permits Obtained:	Yes	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable
g. DLS/COE* 404 Fill/Removal Permit Obtained:	Yes	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable
h. SHPO* Concurrence Received:	Yes	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable
i. Project Design(s) Completed:	Yes	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable

* DSL = Dept. of State Lands, ODFW = Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, COE = Army Corps of Engineers, SHPO = State Historic Preservation Officer

21. Proposed Method(s) of Accomplishment

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contract	Federal Workforce
County Workforce	Volunteers
Other (specify): _____	

22. Will the Project Generate Merchantable Materials? (Sec. 204(e)(3))

Yes ☒ No

23. Anticipated Project Costs [Sec. 203(b)(3)]

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- a. Total County Title II Funds Requested: \$ 12,155
- b. Is this a multi-year funding request? Yes ☒ No If yes, then display by fiscal year
- e. FY04 Request: \$ _____
- f. FY05 Request: \$ _____
- g. FY06 Request: \$ _____

***** Note: If you have a complex budget, add it as an appendix. The Resource Advisory Committee will want to know specifically how the funds will be spent.**

Item	Fed. Agency Appropriated Contribution [Sec. 203(b)(4)]	Requested County Title II Contribution [Sec. 203(b)(4)]	Other Contributions [Sec. 203(b)(4)]	Total Available Funds
24. Field Work & Site Surveys				
25. NEPA & Sec.7 ESA Consultation				
26. Permit Acquisition				
27. Project Design & Engineering		\$3,000.00*		
28. Contract Preparation		\$460.00		
29. Contract Administration		\$1,000.00		
30. Contract Cost		\$2,300.00**		
31. Workforce Cost				
32. Materials & Supplies		\$4,290.00		
33. Monitoring				
34. Other				
35. Project Subtotal		\$11,050.0		
36. Indirect Costs (Overhead) (per year for multiple year projects)		\$1,105.00		
37. Total Cost Estimate	\$	\$12,155	\$	\$

* Direct cost from fabricator to digitize text and images provided by MRWA into a format that is used for production of signs.

** \$500 dollars will be used to contract the installation of signs

*** Cost of 6 signs at \$715.00 a piece

38. Identify Source(s) of Other Funding in Column C. Above [Sec. 203(b)(4)]

39. Monitoring Plan (Sec.203 (b)(6))

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- a. **What measures or evaluations will be made to determine how well the proposed project meets the desired ecological conditions? [Sec. 203(b)(6)] Who will be responsible for this monitoring item?**

The success of this project will be difficult to measure but can be based on the number of people who are educated by this exhibit.

- b. **How will the project be evaluated to determine how well the proposed project contributes towards local employment and/or training opportunities, including summer youth jobs programs such as the Youth Conservation Corps? [Sec. 203(b)(6)] Who will be responsible for this monitoring item?**

This project will utilize a number of local contractors. The signs will be fabricated in-state, and we will use a local contractor to place and install signs. This is in addition to the project manager. The success of this project can be measured by the number of hours of work this project provides to local contractors.

- c. **What methods and measures of evaluation will be established to determine how well the proposed project improves the use of, or added value to, any products removed from National Forest System lands consistent with the purposes of this Act? [Sec. 203(b)(6) and Sec. 204(e)(3)] Who will be responsible for this monitoring item?**

Not Applicable

- d. **Identify total funding needed to carry out specified monitoring tasks (Table 1, Item 33)**

Amount: Not Applicable